

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.156

Rep. Cavanagh offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to declare September 15-October 15, 2021, as  
2       Hispanic Heritage Month in the state of Michigan.

3       Whereas, There has been a long and important presence of  
4       Hispanic and Latino Americans in North America and the United  
5       States of America; and

6       Whereas, The month of September 15 to October 15 represents  
7       the anniversary of independence for Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador,  
8       Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, and Nicaragua; and

9       Whereas, Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic  
10      Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15 by celebrating the  
11      histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose  
12      ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and  
13      South America; and

1       Whereas, Each year, the United States recognizes the economic,  
2 cultural, and social contributions that Spanish-speaking peoples  
3 have brought to our nation, including the gifts of law, religion,  
4 agriculture, art, music, education, technology, architecture,  
5 cuisine, theater, and exploration; and

6       Whereas, Time and again throughout our nation's history,  
7 Hispanic-Americans have faithfully defended the principles of  
8 freedom and a representative government; and

9       Whereas, Hispanic Heritage Week was approved by President  
10 Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988  
11 to cover a 30-day period from September 15 to October 15, and  
12 enacted into law on August 17, 1988, as Public Law 100-402; and

13       Whereas, This state is fortunate to count among its population  
14 a large concentration of citizens of Spanish and Latin American  
15 descent, including those who have lived in this state for  
16 generations and those who are new to this state, who contribute to  
17 our economy and society through their commitment to professions,  
18 commerce, family, and the arts; and

19       Whereas, During the month from September 15 to October 15,  
20 this state's Hispanic-American community celebrates Hispanic  
21 Heritage Month through a series of special programs featuring  
22 Hispanic history, food, dance, and art; and

23       Whereas, National Hispanic Heritage Month is the period of  
24 time in the United States when people recognize the contributions  
25 of Hispanic and Latino Americans to the United States and celebrate  
26 these people's varied heritage, background, and culture; now,  
27 therefore, be it

28       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
29 this legislative body declare September 15-October 15, 2021, as

1 Hispanic Heritage Month in the state of Michigan. We recognize and  
2 celebrate the contributions, service, and cultures of American  
3 citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean,  
4 and Central and South America.